S. No.	Name of scheme/proposal	Installed capacity (MW)	Reasons for pending clearance
Thermal			
7	D.G. Sets at Yelanhaka	120	Techno-economic approval of CEA accorded on 10-10-88.
8	Manglore Thermal Station	2x210	Scheme found to be in order techno-economically by the CEA subject to (i) compliance of Section 29 of Electricity (Supply) Act (ii) clearances from environment and forest angles (iii) clearance from State Pollution Board (iv) timely completion of proposed dam on Mulki river for availability of water (v) finalisation of logistics of transportation of coal with Railways and Port authorities and agency for construction of Labour complex and (vi) clearance by the CEA of associated transmission system.

Government protection to Hindustan Photo Films Limited

1272. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 82 Members of Parliament have sent a letter to the Prime Minister demanding protection of the Hindustan Photo Films Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking, from dubious attempts of some private industrialists; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes Sir. 82 Members of Parliament have addressed a letter to Prime Minister wherein it has been *inter alia* stated that Hindustan Photo Films Ltd., a public sector undertaking, should be protected from M/s. Garware Plastics & Polyester Ltd. whose request for grant of letter of intent for the manufacture of polyester based X-ray and graphic art films is under consideration.

(b) There is no bar for setting up capacity for photo-sensitized goods in the private sector in the country. However, various considerations like the demand supply position, the capacity already installed, the extent of investment involved, including foreign exchange cost, the genuineness of the technology involved etc. are kept in view in licensing additional capacity.

Expansion of Bhubaneshwar and Cuttack telephone exchanges

1273. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand the existing telephone exchanges at Bhubaneswar and Cuttack in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof;

(c) whether any other towns and cities in Orissa which get such facilities and how much funds have been allocated for this purpose; and

(d) by when such exchanges are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the current financial year 1988-89, Bhuaneshwar Telephone Exchange Unit-I has been expanded from 7000 to 8000 lines. A new 4000 lines electronic E-10B exchange is proposed at Bhubaneshwar during 1989-91. Cuttack telephone exchange Unit II is proposed to be expanded from 1000 to 3000 lines during 1988-89.

(c) and (d) The exchanges at other places of Orissa are proposed to be expanded as per the Seventh Plan objectives of the Department in this regard. During 1988-89, the NEAX exchanges at Dhenkanal, and Baripada have already been expanded from 600 to 700 lines & 600 to 1000 lines respectively. The manual exchanges at Koraput & Phulbani have been converted and expanded from 240 to 400 lines and 300 to 400 lines Electronic exchanges (NEAX) respectively during 1988-89. The exchanges at Sambalpur, Berhampur, Rourkela Plant, Rourkela township, Balasore, Paradeep, Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Bhadrak; Puri, Bolangir, Angul, Bhawanipatna and Mancheswar are also proposed to be expanded. Manual and MAX-III exchanges some other places are proposed to be replaced and expanded and new exchanges are proposed at some other places subject to the availability of minimum demand. This work is in various stages of implementaton and is likely to be completed by the end of Seventh Plan. A sum of Rs. 5.48 crore is proposed for local telephone system in the budget allocation for Orissa for the year 1988-89.

Funding pattern of Ib valley Thermal Power Plant

1274. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken a decision regarding funding pattern of Ib Valley Thermal Power Plant in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what would be the total cost of the project and the quantity of electriciy to be generated after completion of the project; and

(d) on which dates the Planning Commission and Government had given their sanction to the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) In April, 1987, the Planning Commission approved the Ib Valley Thermal Power Project (4x210 MW) at an estimated cost of Rs. 887.99 crores in the State Sector. The funding pattern is to be determined by the State authorities.

The Orissa Power Generation Corporation (OPGC) have placed a letter of intent on M|s. BHEL with the stipulation that the financing and prices would be settled through negotiations. Negotiations between M|s. OPGC and M|s. BHEL are in progress for the installation of two units, with provision of infrastructure for four units.

ED employees

1275. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that school teachers and retired Government employees are also working as ED employees; and

(b) if so, what is their number as on 31.10.88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.